

03500.015084

PATENT



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: H. Song
MASAAKI KOBAYASHI	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2882
Application No.: 09/770,667	)	
	:	
Filed: January 29, 2001	)	
	:	
For: RADIOGRAPHIC APPARATUS	)	March 17, 2005

THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

LETTER

Sir:

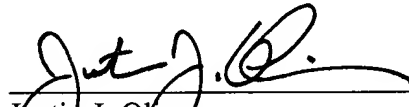
Applicant is in receipt of a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due form dated December 17, 2004. The Issue Fee is due on March 17, 2005, and is being paid concurrently herewith.

Previously, Applicant received an earlier Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due form, which was mailed on May 6, 2003. In response to that earlier Notice, Applicant filed a Request For Continued Examination in order to add additional claims. Attached to the earlier Notice was a Detailed Action, including a statement of the Examiner's reasons for allowance. The statement discussed a number of features, some of which are recited in the independent claims, and some of which are not. For instance, the statement discusses a shock absorbing member. That feature was recited in independent claim 26, which has

since been cancelled. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the claims should be considered allowable for the features now recited in the independent claims, rather than for the reasons discussed in the statement provided in the Detailed Action attached to the Notice of Allowance dated May 6, 2003.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Justin J. Oliver  
Attorney for Applicant  
Registration No. 44,986

FITZPATRICK, CELLA, HARPER & SCINTO  
30 Rockefeller Plaza  
New York, New York 10112-3801  
Facsimile: (212) 218-2200

JJO/lw

DC\_MAIN 196609v1